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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Appln of:

Houshang LOLACHI et al

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For: STERILITY-MAINTAINING CONNECTION
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181(a)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Petition under 37 CFR §1.181(a) to withdraw the abandonment of the captioned application. This Petition is being filed in response to a telephone call from Examiner Dagostino on March 4, 2003, advising that the above application has been abandoned for failure to respond to a May 7, 2002 Office Action. We greatly appreciate Examiner Dagostino's diligence and consideration in contacting undersigned counsel regarding this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a), the present Petition should be treated as a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment. No Petition fee is required.

In support of the present Petition, the undersigned practitioner hereby declares that a proper Response to the May 7, 2002 Office Action was, in fact, filed by practitioner on June 5, 2002. Copies of the Transmittal sheet and Response to Restriction Requirement, and the date-stamped postcard evidencing receipt by the Patent & Trademark Office on "JUN 05 2002", are attached.

For the foregoing reasons, this Petition under 37 CFR §1.181(a) should be granted and prosecution on the merits of the above-identified application should proceed.

Should it be found necessary, please charge undersigned counsel's Deposit Account No. 06-1358 for any fees in connection with this Petition. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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